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MONEY EARMARKED FOR STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS TOPS QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that state fish and wildlife agencies will share \$270 million in Federal excise taxes paid by America's hunters and anglers. The funds will be made available through preliminary apportionments of two Federal aid programs administered by the Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Generations of American hunters and anglers have demonstrated their long-term support of fish and wildlife conservation programs," said Service Director John Turner. "They were among the first to form organizations to promote fish and wildlife issues and have voluntarily contributed millions of dollars to programs that protect habitat and conduct research on the needs of wildlife. Such efforts have helped preserve healthy and abundant populations of many native wildlife species for all of us to enjoy."

"These outdoorsmen and -women have also sponsored and taught safety and education courses. In fact, I am delighted to report that the 20 millionth individual recently graduated from the hunter education program," Turner said.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish

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Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised over \$2 billion, all earmarked for state fish and wildlife programs and used to fund land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, and education.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1992 is \$127,600,000. This money is derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1992 totals \$142,600,000. This money comes from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1992. The final apportionments will be announced in the spring of 1992.

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,694,241	529,409	2,223,650
ALASKA	5,255,000	225,000	5,480,000
ARIZONA	2,404,457	479,287	2,883,744
ARKANSAS	1,985,505	225,000	2,210,505
CALIFORNIA	3,857,474	675,000	4,532,474
COLORADO	2,757,790	431,062	3,188,852
CONNECTICUT	525,500	429,467	954,967
DELAWARE	525,500	225,000	750,500
FLORIDA	1,671,037	675,000	2,346,037
GEORGIA	2,120,579	675,000	2,795,579
HAWAII	525,500	225,000	750,500
IDAHO	2,144,671	225,000	2,369,671
ILLINOIS	1,975,908	675,000	2,650,908
INDIANA	1,604,541	675,000	2,279,541
IOWA	1,790,425	363,236	2,153,661
KANSAS	1,954,699	225,000	2,179,699
KENTUCKY	1,704,668	482,022	2,186,690
LOUISIANA	1,651,554	552,293	2,203,847
MAINE	1,229,543	225,000	1,454,543
MARYLAND	653,372	625,320	1,278,692
MASSACHUSETTS	525,500	675,000	1,200,500
MICHIGAN	4,609,738	675,000	5,284,738
MINNESOTA	3,106,941	571,685	3,678,626
MISSISSIPPI	1,713,459	337,046	2,050,505
MISSOURI	2,920,214	669,520	3,589,734
MONTANA	3,235,635	225,000	3,460,635
NEBRASKA	1,815,035	225,000	2,040,035
NEVADA	1,993,903	225,000	2,218,903
NEW HAMPSHIRE	525,500	225,000	750,500
NEW JERSEY	527,470	675,000	1,202,470
NEW MEXICO	2,445,829	225,000	2,670,829
NEW YORK	3,149,644	675,000	3,824,644
NORTH CAROLINA	1,919,563	675,000	2,594,563
NORTH DAKOTA	1,455,246	225,000	1,680,246
OHIO	2,241,728	675,000	2,916,728
OKLAHOMA	1,937,835	411,475	2,349,310
OREGON	2,705,021	371,877	3,076,898
PENNSYLVANIA	4,455,124	675,000	5,130,124
RHODE ISLAND	525,500	225,000	750,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,118,198	456,837	1,575,035
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,734,707	225,000	1,959,707
TENNESSEE	2,600,882	638,094	3,238,976
TEXAS	5,255,000	675,000	5,930,000
UTAH	2,131,112	225,000	2,356,112
VERMONT	525,500	225,000	750,500
VIRGINIA	2,068,160	675,000	2,743,160
WASHINGTON	1,976,522	636,960	2,613,482
WEST VIRGINIA	1,266,135	225,000	1,491,135
WISCONSIN	3,278,771	639,410	3,918,181
WYOMING	2,077,996	225,000	2,302,996
PUERTO RICO	525,500	0	525,500
GUAM	175,167	37,500	212,667
VIRGIN ISLANDS	175,167	37,500	212,667
AMERICAN SAMOA	175,167	37,500	212,667
MARIANA ISLANDS	175,167	37,500	212,667
TOTAL	\$105,100,000	\$22,500,000	\$127,600,000

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENTS OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992**

ALABAMA	2,158,590
ALASKA	7,130,000
ARIZONA	2,892,239
ARKANSAS	2,689,583
CALIFORNIA	7,130,000
COLORADO	3,392,056
CONNECTICUT	1,426,000
DELAWARE	1,426,000
FLORIDA	3,357,079
GEORGIA	2,658,789
HAWAII	1,426,000
IDAHO	2,375,713
ILLINOIS	2,967,085
INDIANA	2,212,902
IOWA	1,956,826
KANSAS	2,041,221
KENTUCKY	2,227,343
LOUISIANA	2,196,267
MAINE	1,426,000
MARYLAND	1,825,156
MASSACHUSETTS	1,426,000
MICHIGAN	5,479,649
MINNESOTA	5,246,674
MISSISSIPPI	1,824,127
MISSOURI	3,720,679
MONTANA	3,284,151
NEBRASKA	1,845,991
NEVADA	2,122,764
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,426,000
NEW JERSEY	1,426,000
NEW MEXICO	2,555,073
NEW YORK	3,807,191
NORTH CAROLINA	2,113,249
NORTH DAKOTA	1,493,311
OHIO	4,098,678
OKLAHOMA	2,550,905
OREGON	3,438,190
PENNSYLVANIA	3,689,061
RHODE ISLAND	1,426,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,635,636
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,724,674
TENNESSEE	2,777,640
TEXAS	7,130,000
UTAH	2,354,037
VERMONT	1,426,000
VIRGINIA	2,012,539
WASHINGTON	3,536,724
WEST VIRGINIA	1,426,000
WISCONSIN	4,718,774
WYOMING	2,166,769
PUERTO RICO	1,426,000
GUAM	475,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	475,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	475,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	475,333
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	475,333
TOTAL	\$142,600,000